

Application Serial No.: 09/761,782
Supplemental Response to Office Action of May 29, 2003

REMARKS

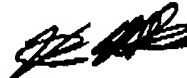
Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-17, and 19 are pending in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kerr for the helpful and courteous discussion with their undersigned Representative on November 11, 2003. Specifically, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kerr for the indication that the amendments set forth hereinabove will place the present application in condition for allowance. In addition, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kerr for indicating that previously non-elected Claims 9 and 19 will be rejoined and allowed.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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